

MINUTES OF THE
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
CITY OF BURLINGTON
February 5, 2007

The City Council of the City of Burlington held a regularly scheduled work session at the John Robert Kernodle Senior Activities Center on February 5, 2007, at 7:00 p.m.

Councilmembers present: Mayor Ross, Councilmembers Huffman, Starling and Wall.

Councilmembers absent: Jones

Harold Owen, City Manager, present

Robert M. Ward, City Attorney, present

Jondeen D. Terry, City Clerk, present

Other Staff Present: Bob Harkrader, Jim Lauritsen, Mike Gauldin, Mike Williams, Kevin Crowder, Jackie Sheffield, Steve Black, Jay Smith, Mike Willets, Mary Pollock, Tony Laws, Tim Johnson, and Jennifer Smith

Media Present: Tomas Murawski, Alamance News, and Bob Boyer, Times-News

Others Present: Mr. Brad Smith and Mr. David King, Laboratory Corporation of America, and several citizens from the Beverly Hills Neighborhood Association

A) Laboratory Corporation of America

Mr. Brad Smith and Mr. David King, Laboratory Corporation of America, said that the company employs 1,000 people in Burlington and 3,300 in Alamance County. LabCorp is headquartered in Burlington and is a medical testing company with independent clinical labs. The company performs 270 million tests annually. LabCorp is constructing a new facility in downtown Burlington that will be a showpiece for LabCorp and the downtown area and should be completed by the first quarter of 2008. Mr. King said that LabCorp looks forward to an ongoing positive relationship with the City of Burlington.

B) Beverly Hills Neighborhood Issues

Planning Director Bob Harkrader distributed a handout which summarized changes made to the Zoning Ordinance in 2004 reducing where boarding houses could be allowed. Mr. Harkrader distributed staff recommendations regarding additional regulation of boarding houses.

Mr. Owen suggested requiring additional lighting on the outside of boarding houses. He asked Councilmembers to consider the recommendations as presented by the Planning staff.

Councilmember Wall said he would like to see a new map that pinpointed the ten locations of boarding houses that received the most police calls.

Members of the Beverly Hills Association commended the Police Department for its efforts.

Attorney Ward said that a public hearing would be required to make Zoning Ordinance changes.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding additional expenses for the Police, Fire and Inspections Departments when establishing and enforcing ordinance changes.

Mr. Owen said he would get cost factors together for the Council as soon as possible.

C) Aquatic Center Presentation

Mary Pollock, Aquatic Director, presented the Council a comparison of replacing the current air-inflated structure with two options. The two options proposed were to replace with another air-inflated structure at a cost of \$256,949.00 (approximate total cost \$260,000.00-\$300,000.00) or to replace with an aluminum frame structure at a cost of \$394,800.00 (approximate total cost \$600,000.00-\$650,000.00). The Parks and Recreation Commission voted unanimously to continue the year-round aquatic services and to replace the current structure with the aluminum frame option.

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Ms. Pollock requested that Council take action in March so that the work could be completed prior to the 2007-08 season. A total of \$600,000.00 has been set aside in the budget for replacement of the structure.

D) Legislative Agenda

Mr. Owen asked the Council if there were questions or comments concerning the proposed legislative agenda, and there were none.

ADJOURN

Upon motion by Councilmember Wall, seconded by Councilmember Starling, it was resolved unanimously to adjourn.

Jondeen D. Terry
City Clerk